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(b) VISP has been incurring losses as indicated below:

(Rs. in crores)

Year	Net Loss
1998-99	—74
1999-2000	—91

(c) The root causes of VISP's poor performance *inter alia* include.

(i) Low continuous casting ratio

(ii) Wage bill around three to four times higher than that of competitors.

(d) Government has approved the SAIL's proposal for Financial & Business Restructuring, which includes conversion of VISP into a joint venture with the aim of revival.

PILs filed in High Courts and Supreme Court regarding Privatisation

2407. **SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:** Will the Minister of DISINVESTMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact several PILs have been filed and some more are expected to be filed in High Courts and the Supreme Court by disgruntled employees and leftist NGOs asking for a stay of the privatization and disinvestment in public sector companies;

(b) if so, the number of such PILs filed or pending in courts alongwith their brief details; and

(c) whether the judicial process will jeopardize the Ministry's attempt to bring down the budgetary deficit and mop up additional financial resources?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DISINVESTMENT (SHRI ARUN SHOURIE): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Information in respect of cases filed in the High Courts/Supreme

Court, in the matter of disinvestment of Central Public Sector Undertakings is given as under—

Sl. No.	Name of the PSU	Particulars of the Case	Status
(i)	Bharat Aluminium Company (BALCO) Ltd.	C.W.P. No. 1280/2001 Delhi High Court BALCO Employees Union (Regd.) New Delhi.	Petition for transfer of these cases to Hon'ble Supreme Court filed and the Supreme Court has issued notices therefor, after staying the Proceedings in the High Court.
(ii)	-do-	C.W.P. No. 1262/2001 Delhi High Court Dr. B. L. Wadhera Delhi.	-do-
(iii)	-do-	C.W.P. No. 241/2001 High Court of Bilaspur, Chattisgarh Sh. Samund Singh Kanwar BALCO Nagar Korba.	-do-
(iv)	Indian Petrochemicals Corporation Ltd. (IPCL)	C.W.P. No. 175/2001 Civil Misc. No. 312/2001 Delhi High Court by Shri Bibhu Prasad Tripathi.	Dismissed
(v)	-do-	C.W.P. No. 1286/2001 Delhi High Court by Dr. Arvind Gupta, a shareholder of IPCL.	-do-
(vi)	-do-	C.W.P. No. SCA-7790/1999 Gujarat High Court by IPCL Disinvestment Virodh Samiti.	Pending
(vii)	Modern Food Industries	C.W.P. No. 1341/1999 Delhi High Court Modern Food Industries HO Employees Association.	-do-

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(viii)	Modern Food Industries	C.W.P. No. 4057/1999 Delhi High Court	-do-
		(i) Modern Food Industries Karamchari Union	
		(ii) Modern Food Industries Kangar Union	
		(iii) Rasika Fruit Juice Workers Union	
(ix)	-do-	C.W.P. No. 2438/2000 Delhi High Court	-do-
		(i) Modern Food Industries Employees Union	
		(ii) Lok Raj Sangathan	
(x)	-do-	C.W.P. No. 3818/2000 Delhi High Court Modern Food Industries (I) Ltd. Supervisor and Managers Association and others.	-do-
(xi)	-do-	Original Petition No. 15528/ 99 High Court of Kerala, Ernakulam	-do-
		(i) All India MFIL Officers Federation, Kochi	
		(ii) Shri N. Sethumadhavan, Executive (Engg.) MFIL, Kochi.	
(xii)	-do-	C.W.P. No. 359/1999 Supreme Court of India Hind Mazdoor Sabha and All India Modern Bakeries Workers Federations, Chandigarh	Dismissed

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(xiii)	Modern Food Industries	C.W.P. No. 2480/1998 Delhi High Court Modern Food Industries Employees Union and Centre for Workers Management	Dismissed
(xiv)	-do-	C.W.P. No. 3603/1999 Delhi High Court Shri Guru Adhin, Law Officer, MFIL	Dismissed as withdrawn
(xv)	-do-	C.W.P. No. 1622/1999 High Court of MP, Indore Bench Tel Udyog Karamchari Sangh, Ujjain.	Dismissed
(xvi)	Scooters (India) Limited, Lucknow	C.W.P. No. 3761(M/B)/99 High Court of Allahabad Shri Pradip Agarwal.	Dismissed
(xvii)	Bharat Electronics Ltd.,	C.W.P. No. 9329/1994 Karnataka High Court at Bangalore Prof. Babu Mathew, President, Electronic Employees Union & others.	Dismissed
(xviii)	Kudremukh Iron Ore Co. Ltd.	C.W.P. No. 31196 & 31197/1998 Karnataka High Court at Bangalore Kudremukh Mazdoor Sangh & others.	Dismissed

(c) Executive decisions and actions can be challenged in a Court of Law. However, Government takes appropriate steps to deal with the cases filed in different courts as prescribed by law. The process of disinvestment and mobilization of resources therefrom are not linked to budgetary deficit. Disinvestment is considered and carried out in various PSUs on an on-going basis, in accordance with the declared disinvestment policy of the Government.